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ESSAY MOCK TEST

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Instructions to Candidate

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt one essay from each section.
- Each essay carries 125 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- After finishing the first essay, attempt the next on a fresh Page.
- Any page left blank in the answer-book must be crossed out clearly.

(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively).

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SECTION - A

1. Robotics is both the biggest challenge and opportunity for world.
2. Female participation in Indian agriculture: Empowerment or Marginalization.
3. Market is efficient, but prone to failures if irrationality or cronyism permeates the system.
4. Development will lead to peace and prosperity only if it is humane, just and sustainable.

SECTION - B

1. A country neither belongs to its political class nor fortune 500 companies; it belongs to people.
2. A civilized society must recognize that a woman is a mother, a daughter, a life partner, but above all she is an individual.
3. It is not always the same thing to be a good man and a good citizen.
4. Chanakya may have been from India, but its Indians who never followed his advice.

SECTION - A

4. Development will lead to peace and prosperity, only if it is humane, just and sustainable.

Development and growth are sometimes used interchangeably, but development is a much wider term. Unlike growth, it is a qualitative term which consists of not only economic, but social, political, humanitarian, etc. aspects as well. It certainly leads to more prosperity and progression leads to more satisfaction of needs & peace.

However, peace and prosperity are ensured and sustained over a period of time, only

if it is just, humane and sustainable development. Particularly in various democratic countries like India, participation of people is necessary for development and their rights should be respected. If these factors are not considered like in autocratic countries like North Korea, their peace and prosperity are bound to doom. Also, caring for future generations is essential for sustenance of development.

introduction

Historically, human beings overcome various difficulties of environment with progressive changes and ensured prosperity. For example, Industrial revolution gave necessary impetus to countries and gave them title of developed countries. But it came at expense of poor, marginalised labor, which had to work with exploitation in unhygienic conditions.

Such development led to increased tensions in people to fight for their rights and peace of these countries was affected by various revolutions in the past. Marxism or Socialism type revolutions born because of not considering humane factors of all.

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People craved for justice with war. It led to loss of human lives and property. Hence, peace and prosperity got affected.

Many people argue that development is mostly increase in GDP number of a country i.e. economic growth. Growth of some big industries, communities will ultimately pass on to lower sections i.e. Trickle Down theory. But this has failed, as pointed out by Oxfam International report, 1% of people in India control 38% of wealth.

Hence, inclusiveness is not there. People find excluded themselves from development. Frustration ensues, prejudices against majoritarian communities increases. As marginalised sections like SC/ST/women find difficulty in ensuring development. Casteism, communalism are consequences of such type of development which is unjust to various sections of society. Protests result in strikes, conflicts. Work of factories get affected. Fights on street become common. These are enough to

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wither away peace and prosperity of country.

Development is also mentioned to increase use of technology, which is very much upto extent, a relevant thing. As people can easily get services and needs fulfilled, ensure their development. But technology is also resulting in automation like more use of machines. Hence, jobs for people have to be cut. Country, already grappling with unemployment will surely harm from loss of jobs.

But, we cannot stop development. It has to be done by providing more infrastructure like dams for drinking, irrigation and industrial needs. However, it come at expense of peace and prosperity of tribals. They are being evicted from their places. Unjustice has been served, without considering human rights of tribals. Such type of development is unsustainable. Even such dam works are stopped by conflicts. Like, we saw in Narmada Bachao Andolan.

good statement
excellent

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Such type of infrastructure not only affect tribals, but also animals, plants of that area affecting biodiversity. Biodiversity is necessary for survival of human race otherwise, Unsustainability will ensue. So, development has to be done, keeping in mind of justice, care for all stakeholders, their future generations.

Furthermore, talking about effects of development on environment. Eyebrows are getting raised on path taken by developed countries. They mercilessly used resources unjust to nature without sustainable concerns. Now, consequences are being seen like Climate Change. Peace and prosperity of world as a whole is under threat. Coastal states and island nations are ahead feeling the brunt.

Therefore, development by one part, should ensure sustainable development of other part. Otherwise, it will doom whole globe. Therefore, regional imbalances have to be kept

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in mind. Green Revolution in India, certainly finds relevance in this regard. It provided much-needed food security at that time. But it came at expense of other regions different from Haryana, Punjab, lagging behind. Chaos has erupted. So what type of development is this? It is unjust to other regions and not sustainable for future generations.

If we talk about one more program of Government of India, i.e. Community Development program after Independence.

It turned out to be failure. Why? Reasons were found out. It was due to not considering human factors in approach, which was mostly top-bottom. Only giving technology will not help, attitude has to be changed for gaining prosperity.

Moving on attitude, our society is blessed with a diverse culture. But, patriarchal mindset is ruining this blessing. It is prevalent in our society, where women are seen as sub-ordinate to men. A relevant example is Haryana. It is one of leading state in terms of economic development.

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So, one would think that peace and prosperity will be present automatically in Haryana. But, there are huge problems like honour killing, female foeticide, etc. Khas Panchayats aggravate this attitude. Hence, development has not ensured peace and prosperity of affected sections like women.

A renowned personality has said that without women, there is no development. It is very much relevant. Because, it is approximately 50% of population. So inclusion is required for peace and prosperity of all, by doing justice to women. Also, caring nature of women can bring education, health to their children and sustainable future of a nation is guaranteed.

Otherwise, if coming generations do not get their due-deserved, they are likely to protest and can take up arms. For example, less development in states like Jammu, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, → Naxalism has grown up. It also gives rise to

Good point

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Unemployment
and disorder

development

Radicalisation: So, developing only few regions or few sections will not calm nerves of all. It will lead to aggression and can be channelised into harmful protests to suicide-bombing. Then, buildings standing on peace and symbol of prosperity will collapse like deck of cards.

Concrete solutions are needed, not just cosmetic ones. Actions should be based on good intention. For example, political parties doing development of only marginalised ones will be charged with appeasement, it will prove fatal for the government. Hence, development is needed for all sections of society, not in terms of economic only, but mainly on social factors like health, education.

Countries are finding significance in real meaning of development. Now, focus is shifting from GDP numbers to other factors. Like, (Human development) index is framed for ensuring health, education. Moreover, psychological needs like happiness in Happiness Index are being taken into account.

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Policies of government matter more. Taking the case of Pakistan. It is a developing country. But, path that is taken up is ~~is~~ wired up along with state-sponsored terrorism. Policy of disturbing peace and prosperity of India will not help. As consequences will affect Pakistan more as we saw in school attack, suicide bombings in Pakistan as well.

Globalisation has connected whole world. So, government policies are now shaped in context of global terms. It is also beneficial that it provides ^{proper} path of development by giving goals like sustainable development goals. Countries should strive towards these goals to reap benefits of true development.

For future generations sustainability human rights of present generations have to be respected. No doubt, ills of society have to be removed ~~to~~ for a just, humane society. But, it should be reformatory without violence. For example, no doubt, giving stringent punishment or killing by mob

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of a murderer / rapist will remove miscreants from the society. It will bring peace in society. But, it will be against human rights. Justice has to be served by law. Future generations will inherit this tendency of violence. Development will be there, but peace may not be.

Therefore, Development is not a simple task. Like, do 'A' thing, it will ensure 'B' development. 'A' thing should be properly analysed. Whether, it is just for whole of society i.e. (inclusiveness) has to be ensured. Whether, it is respecting human fundamental rights of all sections. Whether, words / future generations will not reap more harm than benefit with 'B' development. Then, only peace, love-caring, prosperity is guaranteed. And, it will be called true-holistic development of not only one country but relevant for whole of world.

good argument

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SECTION-B

2. A civilized society must recognise that a woman is a mother, a daughter, a life partner, but above all, she is an individual.

A civilised society is one who treats all fairly. Therefore, all sections are equal in terms of civilisation, for example, women. For the functioning of society, every section including women has to play different roles whether as personal like mother, daughter or professional like employees. But, in playing various roles, individuality of female should not be overshadowed.

It is said that best feeling for a woman is when she becomes mother. She plays a very significant role in providing birth, nutrition to child. More importantly, gives ethical values to the child. She teaches her child, the importance of society, its civilisational values like empathy, compassion towards other.

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These qualities ensure trust of child in civilisation of society. But, if mother do not give proper nutrition to body or mind of baby. It will either result in malnutrition physically or corruption of mind with vices. Young ones will not be able to contribute to society. Rather, they can hamper civilisation with bad acts like juvenile delinquency.

So, a civilised society should definitely recognise role of women as a mother, as values are imbibed to child whether boy or girl. In this socialisation process, child know their roles. If mother will place higher importance to boy than girl. It will promote dominance of males over females i.e. patriarchal mindset. It is against path of society heading towards true civilisation.

Consequently, thinking plays a great role. In what form, one sees his/her word. Parents should feel responsible towards words. Not, thinking girl as a

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burden. She should be felt equivalent to son. Then, responsibility will not be seen as burden. As, parents want to shed off burden by marrying daughters at an early age. This pressure result in very uncivilised acts like female foeticides, abortions, dowry, etc.

Hence, role of woman as mother becomes parent. important. She should fight for rights of ward whether boy or girl. It will give proper direction to much-needed proper culture. As a result, role of woman as daughter also becomes important.

As a responsible daughter she should study, work, earn respect. She should care for parents. It will change thinking of Society grappling with poor traditions and customs. Such type of exemplary work has been done by daughters like Kalpana Chawla. It has provided inspiration to many women of country. Simultaneously, it has given hope and motivation to Society to recognise real role of daughter.

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GS responsibility, not burden

Even after marriage, she has a great role as life-partner. Family functions properly when all wheels including husband wife work efficiently and responsibly. But, burden of responsibility should be shared equally, as pointed out in the word 'life-partner' itself.

Married women are forced to leave their jobs to work as housewife. Roles are forced on to them, that husbands are more suitable to work outside. Is this true civilisation? I wonder. Therefore, recognition of society and proper analysis of roles is important.

But, what society promotes? It gives such phrases - like - 'behind every successful man, there is a woman'. No doubt, it acknowledges role of women as supporters. But, the word 'behind' is problematic. Why they have to stand behind? Women, if not more, but can

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be placed alongside. Then phrase can be →
 'Along every successful man, there is a
 woman' or 'women & men' can be
 interchanged.

Therefore, problem is in the perception
 and recognition of society. It is being so
 much forced on women that they find
 it normal since generations. They feel
 more comfortable working in house. Their
 thinking gets a boost even more by un-
 civilised acts of society like Rape.
 She feels fearful in stepping outside house.
 Society should recognise that women has
 every right to work outside or to enjoy
 outside. They should not be thought as
 property/asset of them.

All these problems can be cleared
 at once, when society starts recognising
 women as an individual. It means that
 women has her own rights. She is not
 subordinate to anyone. She is not a
 property of husband/outsiders. She has
 much equal entitlement to services of
 society whether work or pleasure.

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Women has natural inclination of becoming mother with biological features. But it should not be forced upon her. After marriage, she is seen as baby-producing machine and will continue their lineage. No-one cares about wish of women, whether she want baby or not or later.

Moreover, this thinking of society is being promoted by various other factors like Maternity leave. It simply gives more preference to role of women as parent than father/male. Father is equally important for a child. Paternity leave should equally be promoted. Other factors like lack of inheritance rights for women.

Women feel less empowered without rights. She should be given equal importance in terms of health, education, property. Then only, she will be able to care of their young ones. Also, will achieve success in job, fulfilling roles of mother as well as daughter. But, society sees women less compatible. Further aggravated by media like advertisements show women working in kitchen, not men.

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It is already fixing roles on women. Is it that men can not cook? They can. But, culture of patriarchy against civilisation is blinding them. Women should be recognised as an identity itself.

But, our society in whole lifetime of women is unable to give her a proper identity. Before marriage, she is daughter of Mr. X. After marriage, she is daughter-wife of Mr. Y. Even, she has to shed her surname and gets designation of Mrs. Y. Her identity gets generated from her husband.

This simple act of shedding off her identity, explicitly as well as implicitly, make her sub-ordinate to male. She imbibes that, she has to work according to customs of this family. She has to work according to their wishes. Has to support husband in all situations. Then, where have the dreams, her ambitions, needs of women gone?

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During her whole lifetime, she has to care for other wishes. As society sees her as supporting role, not an individual entity. Rights of women are easily curbed. Rather than, restricting boys to behave properly outside and in civilised way. Society puts restriction on girls, that do not step outside after sunset.

This is not civilisation as it is not treating all fairly. Males do not control their bad actions or intentions or are not advised to do so. Females are rather forced to place behind Purda. It is against individuality of women. She is left with no choice, but to follow. Even religion which is meant to provide civilisational values recognise women with less rights and inferior to male.

Recent examples are there like Sabarimala temple entry case. Here, women of age 10-51 are barred entry due to impurity associated with menstruation where have scientific temper gone! Rights of female are as equal as men. Values should be based on rational and logical

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things. Rationality says that instead of focussing on gender differences of society, individual rights should be nurtured, as a common practise in civilised society.

Civilisation is not only removing ill-factors of society. Even, mob lynching remove miscreants like rapist, murderers, etc. But, true civilisation is giving due to each individual. (Justice for all) has to be served. Women themselves have to rise, with support from society.

Now, changes are happening in society with rising awareness of various sections of society. Government is working on banning of (triple talaq) where men by just pronouncing divorce 3 times can divorce female. It is against female rights. Also, in Hadiya case, Supreme Court has given preference to more 'Right to choice' 'Right to convert' to female.

Government is not far behind judiciary. It is taking leap towards

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policies keeping in mind the concerns of women. For example, Stand up India which promotes entrepreneurship in women. Also, gender-based budgeting is in sight of government. Furthermore, women are now getting enrolled in combat fields.

However, just bringing measures will not help. Laws can not change attitude. No doubt, it will go in shadow, but implicitly it will work. For example, laws cannot control personal relationships. Therefore, attitude/perception of society needs to be changed. Even at global level, Saudi Arabia, country known for curbing women rights is gradually giving more rights to them.

No doubt, it will take time. Patience and Perseverance will be needed. All sections of society whether majority, minority, male or female has to work together to root out ill-thoughts of society. Holistic approach is needed to

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 have recognition of true role of women
 as not only mothers or daughters or life
 partners. But, above all these roles,
 first she is an individual. Then only,
 our society will be called truly civilised
 and will progress towards glory and
 success.

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- discuss women empowerment, independence &
 her rights.

- barriers for women in India

- Poverty in the country

- the health & safety

- disparity in education

- child marriages

- status of widows

- gender discrimination.

- World Bank says that if women participate in Indian economy

Remarks The GDP will be added another 1.5%

- National Commission for women was setup exclusively to help women